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Dear Mr Reeves

Metro Fares Investigation 2003

Thank you for your letter dated 31 January 2003, inviting this Department to make a submission regarding the *Metro Fares Investigation 2003*.

Unfortunately, there has been insufficient time for the Office of Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading to provide a more detailed response to the issues raised in the Government Prices Oversight Commission's Discussion Paper: *Metro Pricing Policies Investigation 2003*.

Of paramount concern to this Department is that consumers of the services provided by Metro are appropriately consulted in the course of the Investigation. However, I am of the view that the specific issues raised in the Discussion Paper are not within the preserve of this Department, but would more appropriately be responded to by the Department of Treasury and Finance and the relevant National Competition Bodies.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Crean'.

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